

THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 13, 1851.

Young persons should walk at least two hours a day in the open air.

LORD BYRON ON CLEAN HANDS.—In an amusing letter to a friend, at Paris, 1817, Byron said: "I never was a great physiognomist, Pauline, nor do I pretend to read mankind as quickly as yourself; but if a stranger comes in I generally look at the state of his hands. To gentlemen dirty hands are an abomination—that settles one point. A respectable man never presents himself with dirty hands and foul nails; so I find my customer with these credentials I conclude that he is an idler, a drunkard, or a rascal, and I show him out as soon as possible."

Slow Promotion.—Commander J. D. Knight, of South Carolina, who recently died on board the U. S. slop-war *Germanatown*, which he commanded on the coast of Africa, is represented having been an excellent officer, and was about sixty years of age. Commander Knight is numbered 51 on the list of commanders, the *second grade*, and at the time of his death he had been in the service of the United States *thirteen years*! Had he lived to the age of three score years and ten, he might perhaps have been promoted to the rank of Captain—and allowed to command a frigate or ship of the line.

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